IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Torontali et al.

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AMPLIFICATION OF SIGNAL USING

A BEAD-BASED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ASSAY

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed March 5, 2008, applicants submit the following.

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